

Sitka, Alaska, October

1902

The Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

I think it probable that you have been informed of the controversy regarding our church fence at Sitka. The church decided to have a picket fence about the church premises. Captain Pendleton, of the Marine Corps, acted very ugly in the matter; in the first place hindering and even endeavoring to prevent the digging of the post-holes and when the fence was finally completed he practically refused permission to the painter to step on the marine grounds to do the painting, and so the fence is still unpainted.

My own opinion is that he will contest our claim to the lot. However I do not know that this matter is up at present or likely to be for some time. I understand, however, that recently a committee was appointed and met and sat at Sitka to adjust certain claims between the Navy and the Department of the Interior to lands in and about Sitka. The Committee consisted of Fredericks, District Attorney; Distin, Surveyor General; and Pendleton. I believe pendleton made the report, and I think it quite probable that the report recommends the transfer to the Navy of our common, now used as a parade ground, ball ground, and common in general; except that Pendleton has ruthlessly, and I believe illegally, driven the native children from this ground. Now

Pendleton, if put in charge of the grounds from the sidewalk in front of the Barracks to the Beach, might close up both the sidewalk and the lower street in front of the hospital to the public; and so shut out our front entrance, and indeed the only easy entrance to the church and church grounds. I thoroughly believe Pendleton would do this had he the power.

Now, if the parade ground is handed over to the barracks people, both the sidewalk in front of the Barracks leading to the church door, and also the street below in front of the hospital leading to the Governor's House and also to the native town, ought to be kept open unreservedly and forever to the public.

I know you are deeply interested in our church and in the titles to our church premises and you will know just what to do in the matter.

Believe me, dear Dr. Jackson,

Very cordially yours,

W. S. Bannerman.

Kotzebue, Alaska, 10, 1st, 1902.

Dear Brother Cammack:

Grām winter is coming on apace; the lakes---quiet waters---are frozen very hard; but rougher portions of the Sound are still navigable for steamers, and I am told that we may have another opportunity of sending mail to California, so I will have this letter ready if such good fortune comes to us.

Our only letter from California Friends last mail day was a short one from Carrie Gordon, of "SUNSHINE" S.F. Mission.

One morning last week I arose at 3 A.M. and started in a skin boat for the reindeer camp, now situated about 20 miles from the mission. The morning was very cold, but a bright moon made the night light enough to travel in. In a few hours a rough sea arose so that I had to land and drag the boat ashore and did not reach the camp until 2 P. M. Then I ate lunch and walked about four miles over tundra to where the reindeer were grazing; inspected them for some time, and walked back to camp just after supper, one of the herder boys came running in saying that one of our reindeer had broken its leg, so our visions of restful sleep were relegated some hours to the future. Then came three hours of very hard walking; no more moonlight now; several times almost to waist in cold water, but the wounded deer was found and killed. (It proved to be one of Nelima's: the third he has lost in like manner in as many weeks). Then back to the camp; two hours of sleep; breakfast at 2 A.M., and in company with Nelima and wife set forth for the Mission. It was very necessary that we start at that hour as the mail steamer was due ten miles away at four A.M. and I had promised three days before to be there to arrange with the Capt. of the "Sadie" to take to Nome City a sick, indigent white miner who had been camped near the Mission for some time. After all the only reward for our promptness was having to wait off Cape Blossom until 8 A.M. for the mail steamer and it was 2 P.M. ere we reached the Mission, thankful indeed for dry clothing and an opportunity to rest; simply a 35-hour chapter in the "strenuous life" of an Alaskan missionary---a physical weakling, who owes every bit of strength and health he possesses to the Great Giver of all strength. Bless His dear name.

The Capt. of the "Sadie" told me of his having offered Chas. Coffin one of our Kowak River native members, among other things tobacco in exchange of some furs, and of Charlie's having said, "Me Jesus man. NO WANT TOBACCO." Such testimonies as this rejoice the missionary's heart, and many such have come to us in the few months past. Officers of the "Bear" said that our Mission natives would not trade with them on Sunday and a letter reached us recently from a point many hundred miles distant, on the headwaters of the Koyukuk River, stating that the influence of this Mission for good was felt even there, and that natives who had been down here held services every Sabbath. Capt. Cogan, of Oakland, Master of the River steamer "John Riley", and who has been up and down the Kowak River for several years, told us recently that a wonderful change had taken place in the Kowak people; almost all of them had given up the use of tobacco and among several hundreds he only knew two (one of these Stoney Tom, since dead) who would take whiskey when it was offered them; surely the seed-sowing in His name has not been in vain, and God is proving the truthfulness of the wonderful promise---that His word, even though spoken in weakness, would not return unto him void.

This will certainly be the last letter we can get out ere the winter comes; perhaps it will be Springtime ere you hear from us again, though we hope to receive and send out mail in December, so that perhaps I had better write concerning goods donated by the different mtgs. for Kotzebue. All that can read have Bibles and Testaments and we have a supply of about 100 on hand, so we will need no more this season. Whittier, Pasadena and San Jose sent such a bountiful supply of beautiful dolls that we shall have sufficient for two Christmases, so we shall need no dolls. We can use any quantity of nuts, popcorn, etc. Those sent this season were of excellent quality and are greatly appreciated. The half-dozen cans of fruit, peach butter, jellies, etc., sent are, so far as sampled, most delicious. We can use more of such things. The dried fruit from San Jose was far superior in quality to

that bought in S.F. and the dried plums from Whittier are used every few days. We can use a great deal of dried fruit.

Martha Hadley and Otha are already engaged every spare hour in preparing garments of various kinds for the people Christmas eve; almost 100 garments must be made. Possibly some of those little fingers that so tastefully dressed this army of dolls that has come Kotzebue-ward would take even greater pleasure in fashioning garments to be worn by real live babies who haven't any too much to wear---stockings and wristlets to be knit, little trousers, shirts; girls' dresses up to about 15 years of age--and boys' shirts and overalls--children's clothing of all kinds much looser about the waist than that worn by Calif. children of same height. The missionaries here are having great success in cutting down discarded clothing, men and women's (received from "Sunshine") and fashioning the same into children's garments. In addition to other gifts we want a handkerchief for every man, woman and child; a hundred can be used. We rec'd about thirty this past season hemmed by Junior C.E.S.; ordinary white muslin edged with ~~common~~ colored cloth; they are very nice. Those made from bright colored cloth would be greatly appreciated by these fur-clad Esquimaux. Men's shirts and underwear are also greatly appreciated--white linen shirts are not of much use--save to use as bandages.

Perhaps some of these wants may be noted in the Dec. "Witness". We have written 103 letters to date and our supply of stamps will soon be exhausted.

We have finished "marking" the reindeer fawns; the Mission has 27 males and 24 females, total 51. Nalima has 22 females and 24 males. He has lost by death one male fawn and two old males. He has more of the larger Siberian species of deer which do not breed at so early age, which accounts for the greater number of Mission fawns. After next April the herd will be so large that we shall have to take another apprentice, possibly two; this will necessitate an increased food and clothing supply for reindeer apprentices. I will write later what we shall need. I found it necessary to send to Nome for some articles (probably matches, as they were destroyed by salt water en route, and soap) at a cost of \$24.00. Prices are much higher there than in S.F. and freight is about the same. We pay \$25.00 per ton from Nome here.

We have the brightest of hopes for the future work here. Things go a bit slower than we might wish for. We can't work quite as much as we would like; cannot be in as many places as we seem to be needed; but we can be in God's will, and where else in all this universe can we find sweet soul rest but in that blessed abiding place? "Twere vain the ocean depths to sound, or pierce to either pole", genuine soul rest can only be found in resting our wills upon the bosom of our Lord.

The Christian missionary's life is such a training school, not only the mental, but the soul faculties or attributes are taken up one by one by the Divine Teacher, the Holy Ghost, and pushed or disciplined to the utmost of our endurance. No doubt many of the strange, unaccountable trials and testings have reference to the culture of soul powers of which we know nothing. We are satisfied to know that the Blessed One is managing this Mission. We have the great Source of Knowledge to draw from day to day, sufficient to each day's wants are the strength and grace given by our Heavenly Father.

This last letter of the season leaves us three in perfect unity and enjoying best of physical health. Bless His dear name for having caused our lines to fall in pleasant places."

To each and all of the dear ones in California: May He cause all grace to abound toward you, that ye, having all sufficiency in all things may abound in every good work.

Lovingly in the Lord Jesus.

Dana Thomas.

P.S.:-- I have made up about a score of packages of magazines, religious papers, sermons, tracts, etc., and sent them up the Kowak River to various white miners who are passing the winter there. We trust that some good may be done in this way.

D. T.

"Pray much for us." Dana.

(Copy)

WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
156 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y.

226 Gates Ave. 1902

Brooklyn, Oct. 1st.

Dear Dr. Jackson

Your kind favor of the 29th has been received,
but I am not sure which article you suggest as worthy of
publication, that written for the Home Mission Monthly or
the Assembly Herald.

Your brave speech at General Assembly has done
more to arouse the church than any other influence.

The secular papers are ready to print anything
since the tragic murder.

Yours with esteem,

M. E. James,

(Mrs. D. R.)

*President of the Interdenominational
Council of Women for the Suppression
of Polygamy.*

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK.

DICTATED.

October 2nd, 1902.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Jackson:-

Your note of the 30th ult., enclosing clipping from the Sitka paper, relative to the establishment of an important military post at Haines, is at hand. Thank you for both.

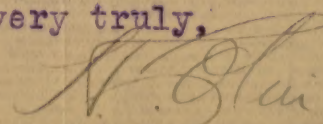
The news of this new military post had already reached us through Hall Young and I have been negotiating with the War Department regarding the matter. I made a flying trip to Washington one day last week and had a very satisfactory interview with Assistant Secretary of War, Sanger, and with the Judge Advocate of the general Army, and was assured by both of them that the matter would be very carefully investigated and our interests protected in every way possible.

Dr. Young suggested in his correspondence, and the Finance Committee of the Board agreed with his view of the case; namely, that it would be unwise to antagonize the War Department in their appropriation of 270 acres off the south side of our survey; especially so as, from Dr. Young's report, this appears to be rather the undesirable part of our claim. The Finance Committee, however, did instruct me to say to the War Department that, while we made no claim for the 270 acres, we did, in consideration of our peaceable yielding of this much of our claim, ask the War Department to do everything possible to protect us in holding the remainder of our claim. The Judge Advocate General stated very emphatically that the government had no right whatever to survey into a claim such as ours for any purposes whatever and was sure that the military authorities had done wrong in so doing, but both he and Assistant Secretary Sanger said they would investigate the matter very carefully and very promptly and would do everything in their power, as I have before said, to protect our interests. Both these gentlemen were very strong in expressions regarding our work, Mr. Sanger saying that he is of the opinion that our missions are the best of neighbors for the military posts and that he desires to encourage our work in every way, not only at Haines, but at all points of Alaska.

I am glad that you are safely at home again. I trust you are well.

Mr. Baer began work with us yesterday, the 1st inst., and we are very sure that he is going to do the cause great good.

Yours very truly,



Treasurer.

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October 3rd, 1902.

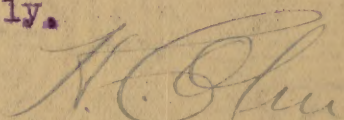
Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Jackson:-

Enclosed herewith I pass you a newspaper clipping just received from Mr. Carle at Hoonah. This matter was called to our attention some weeks ago by Dr. Young, and I immediately addressed a letter to the Land Department in Washington, asking an explanation. No reply to my letter has as yet been received, and I am sure you will be interested to see what it means, and to ascertain for us what effect it will have upon our properties in Alaska.

Thanking you in advance for any information you may be able to furnish us, and requesting that you will return the clipping, I am,

Yours very truly,


Treasurer.

(Enclosure)

R. A. ALGER,
DETROIT, MICH.

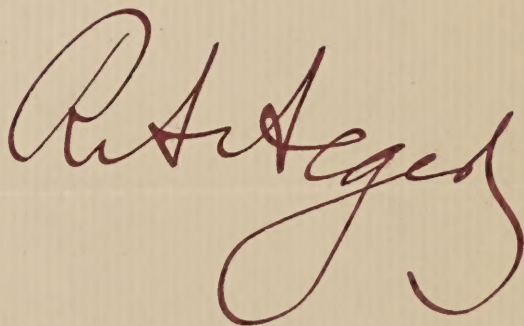
Detroit, Oct. 8th, 1902.

Mr. Sheldon Jackson,
Bureau of Education,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Sir:-

Please accept my warmest regards and
most sincere thanks for your very kind letter of
congratulation of the 6th instant.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "R. A. Alger". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Ditto
~~Confidential~~ - Oct 6th
1902

My dear Dr Jackson
Can you give me
any light on this
matter - I have for
some time tried to
ask Mr Bann
man and he
has been a little
But - I am not

or qualities that
to make up the
useful minutes?
I perhaps he
des these in suf-
ficient degree to
compensate -

But must he
live he best of
any one knows,

to form an in-
 dependent free-
 mul - I care so
 little for the
 y^r "Mr Bourne"
 that until I hear
 some other ex-
 pression or opin-
 ion - I shall
 feel there is an

elementary harsh-
ness in his pro-
found removal of
a man & his wife
who have done
loyal - unselfish
work in other
guises -

Quincy brief
note. I have just
read the letter and
since Mr. & Mrs.

Ans.
Oct-13-02

International Medical Missionary Society.

288 LEXINGTON AVENUE.

NEW YORK CITY.

GEORGE D. DOWKONTT, M. D.,

MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D. Oct 10th 1902.

My dear Dr. Jackson.

You will, I am sure,
be interested in the enclosed
pamphlet telling of work we
have been doing this summer,
and mentioning the fact of the
marriage of my daughter Edith
to Dr. Ferris who went to Alaska.

They are now en route to the
Philippines and are staying with
the doctor's parents in Los Angeles
at 636 Grand St. They are to sail
Oct 22nd from San Francisco —

My further object in writing

It was to ask your kind aid
in regard to the doctor being
supplied with any information
issued with regard to health
conditions out there, and especially
with regard to Cholera and
its treatment etc - By
the accounts it would seem
that they are developing 1,000
new cases daily at Iloilo
on the island of Panay to
which they are going -

You will appreciate the need
for their being posted etc -
and will, I am sure, do everything
possible in that line through the
proper channels - With best wishes
to them - Cordially for Dr. Donkerton

512 North L. St. -

Tacoma, Wash

D^r Jackson

Oct. 11th /

Washington.

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My dear D^r Jackson

I was never so
distressed over anything
as I am the treatment
we are receiving from
S. Hall Yarny & M. Macham.

They both went to Presbytery
& Synod & both injured
Mr. Scroggs - not openly -
but speaking to this one &
that one (confidentially)
always saying this is confi-
dential. They broke up the
proceedings in the church
which had written back

written to Mr. Deaggs

I enclose you the letter
Please return it -

I went to see S. Hall Young
& when I denied his
accusations he would
not interview me but
left the room. He has gone
to Alaska - He poisoned
the mind of both Mr. Gilchrist
& Mr. Majors - Mr. Majors is
Chairman H. M. Conn. &
has now gone East -

We have had great losses
& great disappointment. You
will remember what I
said to you of Mr. S. He
has not been well at
times I have been alarmed
Mr. Macdonald showed him
no cordiality & kept "spee"

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in every move in Alaska -
I know that M. S. life was
beyond reproach at Nome -
- I don't know about Teller
- there were no associations
except the Sociables Parties
held at Tom Wilson's
hall - every body went -
M. Macnamer says the best-
people didn't go. Mr. Mrs
Robt Price always
went - M. S. left - a great-
many friends both in
Teller & Nome.

They are trying to kill
M. Scroggs in the church
- He is trying to get a foot-
hold - with - little money
& a sick wife - & there
enemies come here &

strike him secretly -
when he is out - at either
Presbytery or Synod &
circuit - go. he is 150 miles
teaching at \$60 per mo.
- I am in no condition
mentally or physically
to meet with such trouble
- Are there men Christians?
- But they attack people who
are unprepared for defence
- that they torture & persecute
in this way shows man's
cruelty. - I feel so badly
I am utterly prostrated
- I am resting & taking
a new medicine & wait-
ing to see whether I am
able to do any thing
- I feel better than when I
came here some

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If Dr. Hutchinson or any
one writes to you I hope
you will def^r me - You
seemed to be a good
friend. We were in
your employ. I wish
I could see you to tell
you what Dr. Beaman
says. - I can't take your
time to relate here.

S. Hall Gentry says M. S.
was incompetent. Strange
he should leave an in-
competent man with the
Home Church when he
had known him 5 months
- Then he considered he
was just - the man for it.

The whole thing is
malice & prejudice of Dr.

Grass were living he would
not dare to do what he is
now attempting. M. S. took
teaching because nothing
else opened the simplicity
with the position with the
understanding that if ch-
urch opened he would
remove to it -

I am near Dr. A. L.
Hutchinson in Tacoma.
He is one of the fairest &
kindest of men.

He knows so much of
the conditions of the north-coun-
try - he can see how an
man thrown out of church
work & not surrounded
by home would adapt -
himself socially among
his school fellows.

No one liked Mr. Meacham
& even one felt he felt -

int. date sent.

I put my letter in Dr.
Mathews, ^{Church} I liked his preaching
& his live work.

I wish you would
write to Dr. Mathews
Seattle

1st Presbyterian Church
your belief in regard to Mr
Peraygo - Dr. Mathews intended
to let Mr. S. have city
mission work about-holiday
time

& I wish you would write
Dr. Mathews a good word
for me. I have done no
work. My love & zeal for
the natives very nearly
rules all I do. or think
I will open a way
for their souls. I see the

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the mission work simply
for business (\$50.00 per mo.)

May the Lord guide
& protect us.

Mr. S. was just getting
to be a little as he
used to be when he left
for North-Yakima

How much we have
suffered because we
fell into the hands of

S. Hall Young

He is as Dr. Gray told
me "unfit - to be a missionary
or to have charge of work"
any where - He is for S. Hall
Young - I heard Dr. Matthews
of Seattle preach on "Love
your enemies" - yes love
our enemies but - hate their
deeds - love the sinner

My educational friends
are throughout the Country
& S. Hall Young can't hurt
me. for I can go before
Public Schools all over
this Country. I am preparing
my stereopticon for
lectures. My field will
enlarge if I can com-
mand strength. God

helping me. I think you
are our great-missionary
I wish I could see you
there is much that I
can't write.

I am not-able to go
into Church work & do the
detail work & keep the
machinery going. My
health - will not permit -
it at present -

four girls, able, willing
to learn. I was in-
vited to speak at a large
union meeting last week
here in Tacoma & yesterday
I received a phone
message to speak at -
Whitworth Coll. Missionary
Society - next Wed. So that
the calls come just as they
did last year.

The Supt. of Public Schools
has asked me to speak
at the High Sch.

You know I am a
graduate of one of the best
Normal Schools in this
country. I have been
idle almost - for 2 yrs
I would like to do something
if my health permits.

I am sorry it is all
as it is. but God does
not forsake, he, S. Hall
Yanny would see us
ruined - these things
will come back to
him some day I am
sought - to do all he can
to help. Mr. S. - I only wish
I could have stayed
longer in the North. When
I get well I will take
up my interest there again
I hope you are better
Give my love to your
daughter - Turn for S. S.
Mr. S. address Josephine
is North Yakima
please write him
a brotherly note -

6 Oct. 20. 02
IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REV. A. L. HUTCHISON, D.D., PASTOR

NO. 624 NORTH STREET,

TACOMA, WASH.

Oct. 11 '02

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.
Washington D.C.

Dear Dr. What is your impression & belief concerning the moral character & trustworthiness of Rev. L. M. Scroggs^{& wife} who were at Nome & Tellur Alaska? Dr. Young & Preachman have been circulating very injurious reports. I want to do the right thing & if Scroggs is all right - I want to help him & his wife. But I do not want to get my fingers burnt. Cordially & respectfully

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
BUREAU OF EDUCATION,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

(R.M.)

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October 15, 1902.

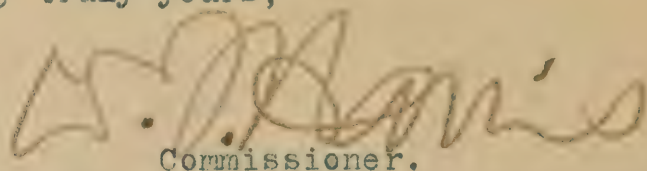
Dr. Sheldon Jackson,

General Agent of Education for Alaska..

Sir:-

In accordance with your request I hereby detail you to visit New York for consultation with the Missionary Societies who have stations in Alaska whose pupils attend the public schools established and supported by the United States Government. While in the neighborhood I desire you to attend if practicable the meeting of the Mohonk Conference of friends of Indian education, and also see, if possible Mr. Lopp, or any other of the Alaskan service that may be visiting their Missionary Boards in New York or vicinity.

Very truly yours,


Commissioner.

Santa Barbara, Cal.

October 26th 1962.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
Washington.

My dear Sir.

The Map of
the United States so kindly sent
by you to the Woman's Synodical
Society, came duly to my care
and was greatly enjoyed in the
meetings of the Society - in our city
a few days since.

While I am not an Autograph
hunter, yet - I prize and preserve

Thine of God's Chosen, which
came to my hand. and so I
take pleasure in laying away
your signature which was
attached to the note accompanying
the map.

It recalls most pleasantly and
vividly, my meeting with you
as in company with dear Mrs
Kainer I stood upon the platform
awaiting the Northern Pacific
Train (in Minneapolis Minn.) which
was to bear you both - towards the
far west - on your trip to Alaska.

And you kindly wish that I
join the party - is a pleasant
memory.

May our Father long spare you to enrich
other lives thus repeating your past-history,
and give to you even the desires of your
heart.

Very sincerely,

(Mrs) Luella H. Terry.

Ans.
Oct 27, 02

Montrose, N. Y.

Oct. 24, 1902

My dear Sir,

We had hoped
very much to meet you,
when we visited Sitka
last Summer, - but found
you were away on your
Northern tour. Let us
have better luck this
winter. I perceive you
have come East again,
and are attending the

Mohawk Conference. - I hope
you will be able to come
to our annual banquet
of the Union College Alumni
Association. It is appointed
this year for Thursday,

Dec. 11th, at the Manhattan
Hotel, - and we should be
greatly pleased if you can
come and say a few words
to us.

Very truly yours
Frederick W. Seward

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MRS. F. D. PALMER, GEN'L SEC'Y

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256 Water St.
Oct. 30

Dear Mr. Jackson

I hoped until
Mr. James' return from Lake
Michigan that you would
come with him and spend
the night with us so that
I could see you. Your remark
that my article in the Dove
in fact in leaflet form has
been sold before but as I have
been attending Synodical meetings
in Kentucky I have not had
time to receive it. Will you do
me the great favor to suggest
any additions which may make
it stronger. I saw somewhere
in print recently a statement
attributed to you that our members
of the Dove & Refuge would save

introduce a bill for an anti-
polygamy Amendment of the
Federal Constitution on account
of Mormon influence -

Could I quote something of
this kind not mentioning your
name, simply saying, "a
motion widely known through-
out the country, who know
Mormonism thoroughly, and the
membership of the House of Reps
as well says &c

The W. C. T. U.
at their Convention in Portland Me
have unanimously taken up
the Amendment movement, but
are not quite decided whether
to put it upon the matter in the
coming short session, or let
individual States to take it up.
How would you advise.

Are you not coming to New
York soon? Yours sincerely
M. E. Davis.

(M. E. Davis)

Womens' Synodical Society for Home Missions,

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.

-----.----- Oct 24. 1902

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1838 W. North Ave., Baltimore, Md.

MISS HESTER WHITELEY, Secretary of Literature,
1218 Bolton St., Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Jackson

I enclose the note you re-
quested. Mrs. James, I believe, is
to be at the Pennsylvania Synod-
ical - so you will have to be
careful not to let out the "secret".

Miss Tracy left me on Wednes-
day - she feels under great obli-
gations to you for the opportunity
to look over your family - books -
they were a mine to her - and
so fascinating, she could hardly
lay them down to do any thing
else. She left them with your
daughter Tuesday afternoon.
But was very sorry, I think that

I had not time to copy them
from beginning to end.

Trusting that the action of our
Synodical will prove them to be
likewise, I am

Yours cordially,
Hettie G. Bradley

1722 R.

Oct-24th/1902.

Womens' Synodical Society for Home Missions,
SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.

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To
Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

In response to your

verbal request, I would state,
that at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Women's Synodical Society for Home Missions, Synod of Baltimore, the ladies unanimously and heartily endorsed the plan suggested for a Memorial in honor of Mrs. Maria P. James, and also to suggest that the Building should be a Woman's Building in Howard College, Balt. Lake City, to be called the Mary E. James Building - and

Further, that - a sum of at least
\$5000. or (fifty thousand) should
be the aim of the Society for
their Anniversary Offering -

Yours truly, Ever

Arthur G. Waller

(Synodical Secretary)

1722 W. St

Oct--24th 1902

Washington, Pa. Oct. 25-1902.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Washington D.C.

My dear Dr. Jackson:

Those who have charge of the programme for next Wednesday evening at the Synodical Home Mission meeting have been slow; and I am sure there will be no encroachment on your time by unnecessary singing. The matter of the singing by the choir, I know, is sometimes very hard to regulate and the choir becomes a real nuisance; but I think we have matters in hand.

We look forward to your coming with great pleasure, and hope and pray that a sentiment for the right, on the Mormon question, may be aroused here that will amount to something, and, through the Synodical Society, affect the whole State.

I expect to meet you on your

arrival; but if I should miss
you, come to our house #5-6
N. Maiden street.

If you
come by the Penna R.R. do not
get out of the train until you come to the
Main St. station.

Yours very sincerely
J. E. Henderson.

Ans^d
Oct 31. 02

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

My dear Sir.

For several years the Men's Club of the United Church in New Haven has conducted a series of Sunday evening lectures. There is at these lectures a brief religious service, then an address. The range of subjects is wide, embracing almost anything which helps to

men or society better.

It will give the Club great pleasure if you will speak before it on your work in Alaska, - something about the country itself and its religious and social condition. Or if you prefer to speak of your work among the Indians, that would also be welcome.

The Club offers a fee of \$25.00 and entertains its lecturers. Most of the dates between New Year's and Easter are unfilled so we can offer you a

vide choice as to time.

My father for whom I
am acting as secretary
joins with me in hoping
that we shall hear you
in our Church. He did not
have the pleasure as I did
of being in Center Church
Chapel last fall.

Very truly yours,

Rose M. Munger.

202 Prospect St. New Haven.
October 28. 1902.

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October 28th, 1902.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Jackson:

Thank you very much indeed for your very prompt response to my request for a post-script to Fred Moore's story of his early life. I am sending it to the Assenbly Herald for the December number, and intend putting it in leaflet form. We must at once, however, have a large number of duplicate copies made to send to the young people's societies who have been interested in him. I had given him to the societies of Missouri, and this spring those in St. Louis presbytery asked to have him all to themselves. All of these young people will look upon his death as a personal loss.

Again thanking you, I am

Very sincerely,

Miss M. Josephine Petrie

After Sept.

Department of the Interior,
Bureau of Education,

ALASKA DIVISION,

Washington, D. C., November 3, 1902., 190...

Rev. William A. Major, D. D.,

Seattle, Wash.

My dear Dr. Major:

I learn through a letter from Rev. Mr. Hutchinson that Dr. S. Hall Young and Dr. Meacham have been circulating injurious reports with regard to the Rev. Luther M. Scroggs. I want to say that so far as the transactions at Nome and Teller are concerned I stand by Mr. Scroggs. The failure at Nome was due entirely to the mismanagement of Mr. Young and to Mr. Scroggs. If Dr. Young had treated me as he influenced the Presbytery to treat Mr. Scroggs I would have brought the matter to the Synod and if I could not have secured redress there would have carried it up to the General Assembly. We have said to the Board again and again that the treatment of Dr. Scroggs by the Presbytery through the influence of Dr. Young was unchristian, ungentlemanly, and outrageous in the extreme. Mr. Scroggs is a fair preacher and a poor pastor, his wife, however, is so bright and active in looking after the congregation that she made up more than he lacked as a pastor, and the two together made a good team in the ministry. Mr. Scroggs I fear is not as strict with regard to playing cards socially as I am, at the age of 69 do not know one card from the other, but I notice a great many good Christian people are playing cards in these days and perhaps I am old foggy in my notions. At the same time I want to raise my voice in behalf of Mr. Scroggs and

Rev. William A. Major.- 2.

you are at liberty to read this letter to any of the Presbyters or in
a meeting of the Presbytery where it is necessary to secure justice.

With kind regards to your family, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

This letter was never sent, but a
similar & milder one was. It however
expressed my views on the case.

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Dictated.

New York, November 5, 1902.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Jackson:-

I have not heard from you in reference to the 'Hingit primer. I am wondering whether the manuscript reached you. I had a letter from Dr. Kerr of the American Tract Society, and he said he would forward it to you. I hope you have received it and that you may be able to do something for us.

Ever cordially yours,

Frederick H. Pierson
(Mrs J. F.)

Ans.
Nov 13. 02

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir,

I thank you
very much for your
letter of November first.
We are very glad that
you will be able to ad-
dress the Club and we
are looking forward to
it with much pleasure.

In regard to the date,
many of the Sundays

after New Years are still
unfilled, but the Club
will be glad to have
you come on January
25~~th~~ unless that conflicts
with your other plans.

We will reserve that
day unless we hear from
you something to the
contrary.

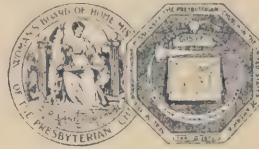
Very truly yours,

Rose M. Menger.

202 Prospect St. New Haven
November 4~~th~~

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November 7th, 1902.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Jackson:

We have had so many demands upon our stock of "Facts About Alaska" recently that I find to my surprise that it is exhausted. I hope, therefore, that you may be able to furnish the revised manuscript at an early date.

Thanking you in advance for your kindness,

Very sincerely yours,

S. Catherine Rue

For Literature Dept.

recd.
Nov 29. 12

North Yakima Wash.

Oct. 10 1902

The Rev.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Bro.

Your letter of Sept. 18th was forwarded to me here. The check is correct. I received a letter dated July 14 from Lovick Pierce saying that vouchers for April & May had not then been received. However I must suppose from your letter that everything is now finally settled.

I thank you for your kind hope that I may soon find a church -

Since coming here I received a letter from Bro. McGuire pastor at-large in Puget Sound Presbytery asking me if I would accept a call from the Lake Union Church, Seattle. In a few days I received a telegram saying not to come to Seattle and later a letter telling me that Dr. Young and Dr. Meacham had attacked me in Synod declaring that I "must not come to this church". I am now

in process of correspondence to find out what was said and what would be my best course in defending myself against their libels.

Your hope that I might soon find a church leads me to believe that you do not share their opinion of me.

In some way the letter you gave me in Seattle has been lost or mislaid. Will you do me the favor to send me another letter commending me to whatever extent you feel warranted by your acquaintance with and dealings with me - as a minister and teacher and man.

Dr. Measham asked me several times last winter to preach for him and I did so although you know the humiliating position his appointment placed me in. He has learned only since meeting Dr. Young in Seattle that I am an unfit man. When I met him a few weeks ago in Seattle he was

quite cordial and never in ^{any} way
intimated that I was not fit to
preach in the places I told him
of preaching. I spoke of preaching
at a place called Carbonado and
he asked me with what seemed
fraternal interest if I was going
to settle there - never hinting even
that he did not think I ought to
settle ^{over} a church.

I learned in ^{Dr. Young} some that ~~he~~ tried
to get something he could use against
me but failed. The article in the Home
Messenger denouncing Dr. Young seemed
to settle his nosing fever and he
left some soon after - you perhaps
remember the article in which Major
Strong "roasted" Dr. Young for giving
a letter of recommendation to Judge
Hoyes - which by the way, Dr. Young
afterwards recalled.

I have never received any
reply from my letter to Dr. Thompson
which I wrote from Teller while you
were there. I do not know if it really

would seem to need any answer from him. Still I had hoped he might write.

Not being in a condition to wait indefinitely to hear from churches I finally decided to accept the offer of a place in the High School here. I teach Latin and some extra classes and am also now teaching music in the High School. I am getting along very nicely. Mrs. Serizzo was invited to remain at Dr. Hutcheson's in Tacoma for a while and as she has advantages of treatment she could not have her. I am boarding her until she gets better. She is greatly worried about the way Dr. Young is doing - I believe the right will triumph.

I hope your health will improve - Please write me when you can.

Your Dev. in Christ

Sister M. Serizzo

North Yakima, Wash.

Nov. 11

1902

Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir and Bro^{rs}

You will please pardon the inquiry
I am about to make, but I know of no way
to ascertain facts but to go to those who
know them. We have with us Rev. Luther
McScroggs and wife, lately returned from
Alaskan work. He has been received
by our Presbytery on his letter from Trans-
vania Presbytery. I am anxious that he
shall get into the pastorate. Am doing
all I possibly can to help him - in this
and in all other ways. Somehow I feel
rather than doubt that he is worthy of
our confidence.

North Yakima, Wash.

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While at Synod Dr S. Hall Young
told me many things about both these
people which, if true, would make it
impossible for us to give them confidence
and a place in our religious work.

Will you kindly write me concerning the
conduct of this couple as you must
know of it while they were in the work
at home. Dr. Young said the same
things to others, and it is but just to
Mr. Scroggs — and was that we
should know the facts — if Dr. Young has
in any way persecuted them.

Thanking you in advance for this
kindly service I am, yours very truly,
F. L. Hayden, S. C.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

DISTRICT OF ALASKA.

Office of the Executive.

Sitka, Alaska, November 17, 1902.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,

Bureau of Education,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Doctor:

If you do not know each other already this will serve to introduce to you Robert W. Jennings one of our leading attorneys in Alaska. He has been ill for some months but is now recovering his health and goes to prolong his vacation with the intention of visiting Washington.

He is interested in all Alaskan affairs and I hope you will take pains to explain to him the status of the schools and funds and the present condition of the reindeer problem. I would like him to meet Dr. Harris and Mr. Hamilton and as many others as you can find time to introduce him to.

Yours sincerely,

John L. Brady

1333 18. St.

Nov. 19th 1902

My dear Mr Jackson,

I have just
heard of your illness, & send you a
prayer, & a Rose. To remind you of the
"Rose of Sharon"

In his hours of weakness
O my Strength Lord. Ps 68⁵

In moments of trial
O my Patience Lord. Rom 15⁵

When the waters are deep
O my ^{Red} Redemption. Is 53⁴

When strength is small, may he never
lose sight of the dear Lord -

As thou didst answer the petition of the
sinner, say "I will go to him". So go to the dear
Saviour "Whom thou lovest, restore him (so needed)

to us.
Pray for me.
Affectionately the Rev. G. S. Capt.
of Covenant School.
Ralph Mills

THE PORTO-RICAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

PONCE, PORTO RICO.

Nov: 25th 1902

Mr S. Jackson. D. D.

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir Your name has very kindly been given to us, as one we might find interested in our work, with your philanthropic work. We therefore take the liberty of enclosing a few of these slips. It is the method we are using to raise funds for our school. We know every one has charities at home, but we believe there are many who would be willing to help us to this extent which means not much to any one person & untold good to the many here. Should you be able to fill these slips among your friends, kindly returning them filled or unfilled, as

we are keeping a record of them
we would be most grateful to you.
We are taking as our guide
the principle set forth by
Edward Everett Hale "Together
is the great central word of
the civilization of the world,"
& we feel most encouraged
when we find the good people
of the States willing to "lend
a hand." Our idea is to keep
separate the donations from
each State, & when sufficient
is raised from any one
State to maintain a department
to equip & have that dept.
known by the State's name.
Our greatest industry at pre-
sent is making beautiful
drawn-work which we sell.
The report of our new Indus-
trial work will be completed
in a short time, when we will
be pleased to send you a copy.
Thanking you for the kind

consideration, we hope you will give our
work— I am

Very sincerely yours

Louise Ign Miller
Pres.

From

Mrs. Robert A. Miller

37 Marine St

Ponce P. R.

Hamildon, Jan 26/02

Dear A Jackson.

I do not know that I have been rightly
informed. But I trust that President Roosevelt
intended to endorse the address of Mr
Cuyler & Arjane, in his message —
I must sincerely hope not, & I fear
it is too late, for I saw in this morning's
paper that his message was all ready
to be typed &c. — I hope not — can any-
thing be done? It may be a mistake
I hope it is — I shall be so sorry, he
ought to know the attitude the
Commons take towards this country.
I cannot advise, I only hope it is
not correct. He surely does not know
the strong opinion from in these
quarters —

I enclose the little paper I gave
you & you should take care —

Yours in this work and
Christian fellowship —

E. H. Bailey.

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November 28, 1902.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Jackson:-

By request, I am to speak to the Ladies' Missionary Society of the First Church here at their next monthly meeting on the Salt Lake Collegiate Institute. One of the points I shall seek to make is that as an educational institution this school is worthy of the patronage of our own people in the city. There seems to be a feeling abroad among our Presbyterians in Salt Lake City that the school is exclusively a mission school; that it is a fine institution for those who live outside of the city and have to send their young people away to school. But they do not see any advantage in it for their own young people. In other words, they do not appreciate their own school.

Would you not be willing to send me a brief statement of your opinion of the Salt Lake Collegiate Institute as an educational institution for use on that occasion? Coming from one in your position in the Presbyterian Church and in the educational department of the government, it would carry weight.

May I not ask you to make the same request of Gen. Eaton. A word from each of you would go far toward accomplishing what I wish to get at.

Very respectfully yours,

Robert J. Caskey
Prin,

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December 9th 1902

My Dear Dr. Jackson:

Mrs. Jackson and I now expect to sail for home not later than the 20th inst., and I hope to see you in Washington soon after arrival. I have just concluded the delivery of one hundred Illustrated Lectures at the Crystal Palace upon Alaska and the North Polar Regions.

I enclose copy of letter to Mr. Behrends, which is in the nature of a report upon our summer work, and which I am sure will be of interest to you.

I have received from the National Geographic Society notice that a joint-meeting of the American Geographical Societies is being arranged to be held in Washington in connection with and during the sessions of the American Association for the Advancement of Science—December 26, 1902 to January 4, 1903 and that it "heartily extends a cordial invitation to the Alaska Geographical Society to be present in the person of its officers or duly appointed delegates." I shall plan to be present and I should like very much to have you and our Tacoma Vice President Mr. T. W. Cushman there also and any other of our membership you may think advisable. Could you not present some features of your work in Alaska as a participation of our Society, and as a program is doubtless being arranged, it might be wise if you think well of it to communicate with the Secretary of the National Geographic Society, Washington.

Mrs. Jackson joins me in kindest regards and in the hope of meeting you soon again.

Sincerely yours, Arthur C. Jackson

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BROOKLYN, N. Y. December 11th, 1902

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Bureau of Education,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Jackson:-

Thank you for your article on Alaska. We shall be glad to make use of it in an earlier Number of the Review and at that time will acknowledge with an honorarium. If you have some good illustrations, especially showing different types of Alaskans and various scenes of interest, we will be glad to use them.

Yours very sincerely,

D. L. Pierson

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES

1031 WALNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA

E D I T O R I A L R O O M S

December 11, 1902.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
Bureau of Education,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Jackson:

We thank
you most heartily for your
thoughtfulness in sending us
the article on Alaska, which,
even though delayed, is very
welcome for our columns. We
shall gladly pass it on to our
readers.

My father, Dr. H. Clay Trumbull, is confined at his home

by ill health, being practically a "shut-in," where, however, he is enabled to do a great deal of strong writing for the columns of The Sunday School Times.

With best wishes from him and myself, believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

C. G. Trumbull

P. S. Mr. Trumbull is out of the city, and was obliged to leave this letter to be signed.

Rev. Geo. Edwards,
GREAT FALLS, MONTANA,
BOX, 502. DEC 12 1902

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, N.D.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Brother:

I mailed to you this week a
copy of the Minutes of Synod of Mont., 1902.
A "Historical Number"

I have read the old minutes of the Pres-
bytery of Montana and for the use of
Synod I am copying & indexing the
two volumes.

It would almost seem that you had
been tried, convicted & (contemned) sentenced
by Presbytery without allowing you
to speak in your own behalf.

You will see that, without discuss-
ing the matter at all, I have given
your letter of March, 1902, on page 55
of the Minutes. I feel that at least
this much was due to you in view
of the early records of Presbytery.

Yours Sincerely
Geo. Edwards
S.C. Historian of Synod

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
BUREAU OF EDUCATION,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 22, 1902.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

In the progress of the introduction of domestic reindeer into Alaska I have found St. Lawrence Island, in Northern Bering Sea, to be well adapted to the propagation of reindeer.

Since 1900 the Government has occupied the Island with a reindeer herd and erected houses at various points for the accommodation of the herders. The principal advantages of the Island may be summed up as follows:

First. It is less infested with mosquitos, which greatly torment the deer, than is the mainland of the Continent.

Second. Large portions of the Island are densely covered with the peculiar moss which is food for the reindeer.

Third. Being an island the herd is more easily kept from straying.

Fourth. The proximity of the sea is also favorable to the reindeer.

Fifth. The Island being unoccupied by white men, except the few connected with the reindeer herd and the mission station, the pasturage is less liable to be destroyed by fire than on the mainland, sections of which are traversed by miners and prospectors and fires started which have destroyed the pasturage in some sections.

Sixth. For the same reason, being remote from mining regions, there is less interference with the herd.

Seventh. It is the nearest land of Alaska to the source of reindeer supplies in Siberia.

Attention having been called to this situation by Captain Francis Tuttle, R. C. S., commanding the U. S. S. "Bear", and by the employees of this Bureau who have frequently visited the Island, I have the honor to respectfully recommend that St. Lawrence Island be withdrawn from settlement and kept, until further action, for the use of the Government in carrying on the reindeer industry. There are no claims or settlements upon the Island other than a native village and a mission station of the Presbyterian Church in the northwestern corner.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) W. J. Harris

Commissioner.

December 27, 1902.

Hon. Binger Hermann,
Commissioner, General Land Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

On the 28d of December the Commissioner of Education addressed a letter to the Honorable the Secretary of the Interior recommending that St. Lawrence Island, Alaska, be withdrawn from settlement and kept, until further action, for the use of the Government in carrying on the reindeer industry.

Permit me, as the Government official in charge of the reindeer stations in Alaska and one who has visited the Island annually for ten years past, and established a school and reindeer herd upon it, to give you information concerning the Island and reasons for its withdrawal from public lands in addition to those given in the letter of the Commissioner of Education.

St. Lawrence Island is a long, narrow strip of land in Northern Bering Sea, 40 miles East of Asia, 110 miles South of Bering Straits, and 120 miles Southwest of Nome, the mining metropolis. It is like many other islands in Alaska, a rolling tundra, here and there broken with low hills; a cheerless, desolate region, swept for eight months

in the year with Arctic gales and blizzards and for seven or eight months annually hemmed in with ice and inaccessible to the outside world. Without a tree, without ^{agricultural} possibilities, without minerals (in 1890 several parties of miners prospected the Island for gold, without success), or other resources to make it valuable for settlement by white men, with the single exception of large areas of reindeer moss. This one sole product of the Island changed into reindeer meat, for the support of human life, redeems the Island from utter worthlessness. The general worthlessness of the islands of that region cannot be better expressed than by calling your attention to the fact that even 600 miles ^{of St. Lawrence Island} South only two or three of the Alaskan Group of Islands have any human settlements. The fact is there is not a single island in all that region that would support human life from the products of the land. Like Finland it abounds with lakes and large areas of swamp.

At Cape Chibukak, in the extreme Northwestern corner of the Island, is a settlement of 300 to 400 Eskimo, who eke out a precarious existence by hunting the whale, walrus, seal and fish of the adjacent sea. The native village has been called Campbell.

For the civilization of these natives the United States Government has established a school and appointed a teacher who is also a physician. And in preparation for the future support of these natives the Government has also established on the Island a reindeer herd.

The island may seem too large to be devoted to a reindeer herd

but it should be remembered that at least two-thirds of the Island is taken up with fresh water lakes and swamps. Remember also that the area of dry land is not any too large for the reindeer herds that will be necessary for the support of the native population that, with a sufficient food supply, will make their homes on the Island.

In the starvation awaiting the Eskimos of the main land around the mining camps, the Government may yet be compelled to transport many additional natives to this Island and enlarge the reindeer herds for their economical self-support.

I would further call your attention to the fact that St. Lawrence Island stands directly in the path of the whaling fleets, driven out of the Arctic Ocean by approaching winter. Seldom a year passes that one or more vessels are not wrecked upon this Island and the presence of a large herd of reindeer upon this Island may yet prove a reserve food supply that will save many valuable lives.

The Island is situated between the purchase grounds in Siberia and the reindeer stations in Alaska, makes it a convenient distributing point. Placed upon the Island they can be securely kept from straying until such a time as the Government may need them to strengthen existing herds or establishing new herds on the main land.

As I understand the custom in withdrawing land from settlement, it does not forever alienate it from public settlement, but whenever the purpose for which it was withdrawn has been accomplished, or if at any time the withdrawal shall have been found to be a mistake, then it can be remedied by restoring it to settlement.

At present it is very important that the Island should be withdrawn from settlement, and I trust that it may meet with approval in your eyes, as I feel assured it will commend itself to the good judgment of the President.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Sheldon Jackson

U.S. General Agent of Education in Alaska.

Ans.
Dec 31, 1912

Dec 23, 1912

My dear Dr. Jackson

We send you
greetings across the
distance & many wishes
for the New Year.

I think of you often
& intend to write you soon
as I feel able some
things I can't now.

Mr. Snygg is teaching
I join me in the
Sincere wishes

for your health. &c.

to continue a usefulness
of these means for

Very Sincerely &
Prayerfully

Mrs. Luther M. Scraggs

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Titusville Pa.

December 24 - 1902

Dear Dr. Jackson - :

Very Sincerely,

Mr. E. O. Cresswell, says
that he will have the
particular meeting the week
following of Thursday evening,
January 13th I have written
Mr. Diepenbecker to try to
get up one or two and

if possible, in one or other
place in Empire by
I will work at this also.
I received yesterday the
\$200⁰⁰ from Mrs. Selden
and \$125⁰⁰ from the
Presbyterial purse making a
total of \$325⁰⁰ more for
the college - "Every little
helps" - Of course I expect
to have you for my
guest during your stay
in Willsboro - So please
let me know just when

you. Will arrive and we
will miss you - Maria
leaves for her home
Monday. I am very sorry
she will not be here during
your visit. She did so
enjoy seeing you and Mrs
Jackson again - as did I -
I wish you could bring
Mrs J. with you - I am
expecting a visit from Mrs
Allen, Mrs Perry's other daughter.
Just the week before you
got here - A very merry Christmas
& all the blessings of the New
year for you and yours.

Sincerely your friend
Filibine Ellis Curson
Your John L }

Jan 3.03

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Rev. Geo. Edwards,
GREAT FALLS, MONTANA.
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Dear Dr. Jackson:-

Your favor of December 16th was duly received.

I shall be very glad to have the benefit of results of your research in regard to Rev. Mr. Price or any other ^{Montana} pioneers. The Synod authorizes the historian to publish from year to year in the Minutes any matters of historical interest.

In reference to your monograph, "Sheldon Jackson, Moderator" through the kindness of the librarian I examined the copy at the state Historical Library in Helena. I would be very glad to have a copy in the Synodical Library. If you will mail me a copy I shall be glad to report the same in my annual report to Synod.

Yours Sincerely,

Geo. Edwards

Stated Clerk of Synod of Montana.

P.S. Can you give me any information in regard to Rev. Wm S. Frockelton who was with you in Montana in 1872 and supplied Bogman Church a few months. From Mont. he went to Knoxville, Mo. where my older brother married Miss Addie Mathews who was well acquainted with Frockelton. I have his photo from my brother, but know nothing of Frockelton since he left Knoxville. Was he educated & ordained in Ireland? And does he still live.
Yours &c Geo. Edwards

Ans.
Jan 3, 03

Garden Grove
Dr Sheldon Jackson 12/29/02
Washington

Dear Sir
~~Perhaps you remember me
(Flanagan) as being intro-
duced to you in St Michael
by Dr J H Gambell. Would it
be asking too much of you
to send me Report of Reindeer
winter of 1900.~~

Also Would there be any
larger map published than
you issue in your reports, of
Kumirak Island & Cape Vancouver
and is there any matter pub-
lished concerning the missionary
work there.

I spent last winter about

75 miles North of Mc Mc Kinley
and know this much of
Missionary work influence
there (miners told me of it)
that Indians who go to Fairbanks
summer time, when on winter
travels say grace before & after
meals (custom of Eng Church)
Its saying considerable of
people who are thank ful
for decayed fish.

Also winter of 1900 when
made trip to Kotzebue, natives
one Sabbath Eve held as beauti-
ful & little home prayer meeting
as I ever saw & this was about
20 mi from mission.

Saw Miss Selma Peterson

on steamboat at Mouth of
Yukon, going up as I was
coming other way, was
looking fairly well and
said after a period of rest
thought she would join
our ~~Missionary~~ Board, tho
she has lately written you.

Will say that having a little
personal interest, wish report
more for my father who has
nearly lost his hearing, hoping
have not bored you.

Yours truly

W. S. Flanagan

Garden Grove

Idaho

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Bethlehem, Pa., December 30, 1902.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.
Dear Brother,

We are delighted to hear of your being able to favor us with a visit. As supplementary to the telegram I send these hurried lines to state that circumstances prevent our having your address on either Sunday proposed, but it will suit very well on next Tuesday, "Foreign Missions" being the topic for that morning. We trust you can give us that date and hope to receive a line to that effect.

Leaving Washington at 9 A.M. you would reach Wayne Junction by B & O. about 12.30 & then connect with P. & R. train bringing you to Bethlehem at 2 P.M.

Rev. Paul de Schweinitz, our Treasurer, will meet you at the station & entertain you.

Very sincerely yours in Christ
E. A. Oertter.

So. Orange N.J.

Dec 30-1902

Dear Dr Jackson,

1. Secretary Hitchcock gave me his word that "whatever scheme of irrigation might be adopted it would include provision for irrigating the lands of the Indians."
2. I was shown maps by Mr Newell showing how this could be done if the Tonto Dam should be built.
3. Why should we 'Kick' under the circumstances.
4. Water from Salt-River can be taken to the Pimas - tho' it may not be to the parts where they are now located. Mr Newell said the plans as far as worked out - included the irrigation of 40,000. acres = 8 acres each for 5000. Indians.

Now inter nos - what we want is to leave the Secy unfettered - as he seems determined to be - on acct of hordes of landgrabbers & speculators - and hold him to his promise - no matter which dam is built.

Mr Newell promised Dr Gates and myself that his Department would send no irrigating plans to the Secy, which did not include getting water to the Pimas.

I see no harm in Bro Whittmores advocacy of the immediate building of the San Carlos Dam. It may serve to do away with whatever objections the Phoenix people have to the inclusion of the Indians in what they in their selfishness may consider as their water scheme.

In other words it may be the very thing needed as the basis of a compromise between contending parties & conflicting interests.

Phoenix may want to 'hog' it all, but if it may be shown that San Carlos has a prior claim to consideration - Phoenix may be glad to include Indian irrigation lest they lose all.

My opinion is that the Tonto Dam will be the first one built.

I told the Secy that what the Bd. of H. M. wanted was water for those Indians - and that we did not wish to assume the position of advisors or dictators as to which way it should come. I then placed the memorial of the

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Synod of New Mexico in his hands - and
he said to me on leaving, "you may
assure the Bd of Home Missions that
the interests of those Indians will
be cared for".

my I therefore see no necessity
for interviewing him again, but -
if you and Dr Gates would do so
I think it wd serve as a reminder
that the Indians are not without
friends - who are on the alert and
intent on securing for them ~~and~~
immediate water supply. It seems
to me that no appeal should be made
to the public at large - if the Secy
will keep his pledge. I don't know
whether he thinks it wise to make
that pledge public - & wd like you
to find out. We don't want to
hamper him in any way.

My Sincerely For
Geo L Spiving

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Jan 21, 03

JOHN G. HEID
ATTORNEY AT LAW

JUNEAU, ALASKA,

Dec. 31. 1902

Dr. Sheldon Jackson
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Robt. A. Friedrich, the U.S. Atty
for Division No. 1, Alaska, died, and his, or
rather the, office is vacant.

I have sent my application to the Pre-
sident for the appointment to that office
on this boat.

Will you assist me in this matter,
if possible; my endorsements of my
former application for the appointment
as judge, are on file in department
of justice. I think that ought to
be sufficient in that way, or respect.

Our winter is not very pleasant
this season, in the way of weather.

Respectfully

John G. Heid

Department of the Interior,
Bureau of Education,

ALASKA DIVISION,

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Washington, D. C., December 31, 1902.

Mrs. J. H. Pingry,

Women's Board of Home Missions,

156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Pingry:

Yours of yesterday enclosing list of presidents and secretaries is received with many thanks. I have no doubt that the Thlinget Grammar will be published by the Government, and that will be a greater honor to Mr. Kelly and Miss Willard than if published by a private firm, as the imprint of the Government will give it scientific value wherever it goes.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent, &c.